

# Appendix A. Kick-off Meeting Materials

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## CITY OF RENTON PARTICIPANTS

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## SUMMARY OF CURRENT EFFORTS BY DIVISION

### Facilities

**Building energy efficiency retrofits.** The “low hanging fruit” building retrofit projects with high cost savings have been completed. They are now exploring relationships with energy services companies (ESCOs) as they consider additional building energy efficiency retrofit projects.

**Energy aware staff.** Several Facilities staff members have their Building Operator Certification (BOC)—a certification program that provides energy efficiency training. Facilities staff members are also active in the local BOMA (Buildings Owners and Managers Association) chapter.

**Retro-commissioning.** Facilities has done retro-commissioning of some city buildings through a PSE supported program.

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## Public Works

**Energy efficient fleets.** Public Works has purchased some hybrids and are especially focused on converting to hybrids for their larger vehicles. They will be purchasing three more hybrids with grant money which pays for the delta between the cost of a conventional vehicle and a hybrid vehicle.

**Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.** Public Works is installing EV charging stations in city facilities.

**LED street lights.** An LED street lights project is in the planning stages.

**Waste reduction.** Renton's garbage and recycling hauler, Waste Management, has been educating residents and businesses about reducing waste, including an annual business outreach collection program. Currently, there is a 72 percent residential recycling rate and there was a 20 percent reduction in paper use at the city level last year. Recycling bins are provided at all city-sponsored community events. Waste Management also uses natural gas to power their trucks.

**Surface water treatment.** Renton recently adopted surface water policies developed by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

**Water conservation rebates.** Public Works offers rebates for water-saving appliances.

**Bike Master Plan.** In 2009, the Renton bike master plan was completed.

**On the horizon.** Public Works is also exploring wastewater heat recovery (currently done by Boeing), water meter programs, and water reuse opportunities.

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## Parks & Community Services

**Efficient lighting.** All Parks Division exit signs were replaced with LED lights and the department is looking into retrofitting sports field lighting with energy efficient technology.

**Low impact maintenance practices for golf course.** The Parks Division maintains the golf course using an automated irrigation system and integrated pest management. Water is also recycled from the golf course and there are bioswales on site.

**Urban forestry program.** The Parks Department just completed their urban forestry strategic plan. Renton also was recognized as a Tree City USA Community in 2008.

## Planning

**Renton adopted Complete Streets policy.** As part of adopting Complete Streets, the use of impervious pavement will be reduced and the city will increase the use of low impact development techniques and pedestrian-focused, mixed-use street infrastructure.

## Information Technology

**Environmentally conscious product purchase, maintenance, and disposal practices.** The Information Technology Division attempts to purchase Energy Star products when possible and recycles all e-waste. They also have consolidated servers to increase energy efficiency.

**Converting to electronic.** More city documents are being stored electronically and video conferencing is now available. Some city of Renton staff members have the option of telecommuting, however this policy is not formally documented.

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## Private Sector Efforts

### Green Businesses in Renton.

PACCAR designs and builds hybrid trucks.

Boeing designs and builds hybrid planes.

Renton is home to the largest organic clothing company in country.

Over 213 Renton businesses participate in the 'Buy Local' program and Renton hosts one of the biggest farmer's markets in Washington State.

(There are not many incentives to offer Renton businesses for their green efforts because there is no B+O tax or room for additional tax breaks.)

**Green Building.** Green building developments include the Cedar River Office Park, the Bank of America building, and two new future King County libraries that will be developed as LEED buildings.

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## **CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE CLEAN ECONOMY STRATEGY**

How could this effort compliment future State comprehensive plan updates?

How could this effort compliment future grant submissions for state and federal funds?

